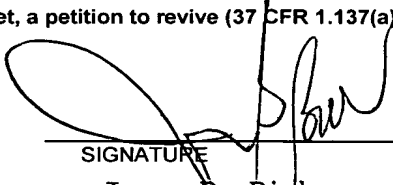


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/IB2003/03135	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 08 July 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 17 July 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD FOR ELECTROLYTIC POLISHING OF DENTAL INSTRUMENTS MADE OF NICKEL-TITANIUM ALLOY		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US MAILLEFER INSTRUMENTS HOLDING SARL		
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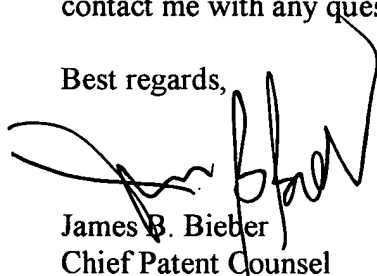
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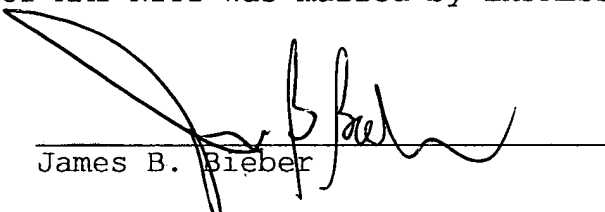
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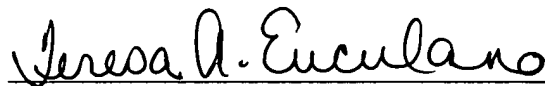
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